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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to recognize those who dedicate
4 themselves to serving the people of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1990, while serving on the Glendale Heights
6 Recreation Commission, Linda Jackson decided to toss her hat in
7 the ring and run for Village Trustee in District 4; she was
8 quoted as saying that she wanted to see "honest and responsible
9 government in Glendale Heights"; and

10 WHEREAS, On April 3, 1991, Linda Jackson was elected by the
11 residents of Glendale Heights as the new Trustee for District
12 4; on April 5, 1991, she was sworn into public office and took
13 her seat at her very first Village Board Meeting; she was
14 subsequently re-elected as District 4 Trustee in 1995 and 1999
15 and was later appointed Deputy Mayor; and

16 WHEREAS, On April 5, 2001, Linda Jackson was elected by the
17 residents of Glendale Heights as the new Village President; she
18 was re-elected to the position in 2005 and 2009; she is
19 currently serving her third term in office; and

20 WHEREAS, April 7, 2011 marks Linda Jackson's 20th
21 anniversary of service in the administration of Glendale

1 Heights; this milestone in her political career makes her the
2 longest serving public official on the Glendale Heights Village
3 Board and the longest serving Glendale Heights Village
4 President in the history of the Village; her current term of
5 office does not expire until 2013; and

6 WHEREAS, During her career, President Jackson has served on
7 numerous Village committees and commissions; she currently
8 serves on the International Day Committee, the Charity Golf
9 Classic Committee, the Historical Committee, the Special
10 Events Commission, the Founder's Day Committee, the Christmas
11 Sharing Committee, the Golf Course Committee, the Governmental
12 Agency Partnership, and the Senior Citizens Service Council;
13 she is also a proud graduate of the Glendale Heights Citizens
14 Police Academy and Citizens Emergency Response Team; and

15 WHEREAS, President Jackson is a member of the DuPage Mayors
16 and Managers Conference, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, the
17 U.S. Conference of Mayors, the Glendale Heights Jr. Woman's
18 Club, the Glendale Heights Chamber of Commerce, and the
19 Glendale Heights V.F.W. Post 2377 Ladies Auxiliary; and

20 WHEREAS, President Jackson was the proud recipient of the
21 Illinois Woman of Achievement Award in 2000 and the Outstanding
22 Patriotism Award from the State of Illinois V.F.W. in 2006; she
23 also championed 4 Governor's Home Town Awards for Glendale

1 Heights in 2000, 2001, 2006, and 2007; and

2 WHEREAS, Together with the Village Board, President
3 Jackson has played an integral role in the development and
4 improvement of numerous public buildings and parks within the
5 Village of Glendale Heights over the past 20 years, including
6 the development of the Glendale Lakes Golf Club and Banquet
7 Facility, Camera Park, and Skate Park, the Glendale Heights
8 Aquatic Center, the expansion of the Glendale Heights Sports
9 Hub to provide indoor sports fields, Millennium Park, Veterans
10 Memorial Park, the Glendale Heights Historic House, the
11 redevelopment of Reskin Park, and most recently, the Glendale
12 Heights Center for Senior Citizens, among many others; her name
13 is engraved on the plaques of almost every public building in
14 the Village of Glendale Heights; and

15 WHEREAS, President Jackson is admired for her
16 extraordinary patriotic spirit of the great nation that we live
17 in and her passion for making the Village of Glendale Heights a
18 "Proud and Progressive Village for all People!"; and

19 WHEREAS, President Jackson continues to work tirelessly to
20 offer the 34,208 residents of the Village of Glendale Heights a
21 better quality of life; she is well-known throughout the
22 community and respected for her willingness to embrace what is
23 good for Glendale Heights and fight against what is not; and

1 WHEREAS, President Jackson is well known by the youth of
2 the Village of Glendale Heights; she never misses a D.A.R.E. or
3 G.R.E.A.T. graduation ceremony at the local elementary schools
4 and she takes time to recognize the youth for their special
5 achievements at Village Board Meetings; she celebrates
6 students in Government Day by inviting middle school students
7 to take the seats of the Village Board at a public meeting to
8 experience service to the community as an elected official; she
9 also invites hundreds of elementary school students to visit
10 the Civic Center Campus to get an inside look at local
11 government at work because she sees them as the future leaders
12 of Glendale Heights; and

13 WHEREAS, Linda Jackson and her husband, Bill, have been
14 residents of the Village of Glendale Heights for the past 37
15 years and raised their four children, Steve, Tracy, Bill and
16 Don, in the community; she has been blessed with 5
17 grandchildren Jennifer, Stevie, Cody, Ashley, and Jonathon,
18 and 4 step-grandchildren, Nick, Joey, Chris, and Kaitlynn, who
19 have all spent a lot of time growing up around the Village Hall
20 and who also all live in the Village; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
22 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
23 we recognize President Linda Jackson for her legacy of service

1 over the past 20 years and for her continued dedication and
2 commitment to the Village of Glendale Heights and its
3 residents; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
5 presented to President Linda Jackson as a symbol of our respect
6 and esteem.